

LWVCNM Observer's Report Governing Body Regular Meeting Thursday, April 21, 2026, at 3:00 PM MDT City of Rio Rancho

Governing Body Members Gregory D. Hull, Mayor, Deb Dapson, Councilor District 1, Jeremy Lenentine, Councilor District 2, Karissa Culbreath, Councilor District 5, Nicole List, Councilor District 6 , Bob Tyler Councilor District 3

Valari Taylor, present via zoom

Description of Issues Relevant to the League:

General Fund 2027

Budget overview: Recommendation FY 2027 July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. It is a 5-year General Fund planning forecast. FY 2027 total sources 169,915,725. 50% of annual budget goes to public safety, police and fire.

Cost of Living increase of 5.0 percent compensation adjustment to all employee groups.

Increase in Health Insurance Premiums by 5.0 percent, due to rising healthcare costs.

Including 21 new positions 9-firefighters, 2 police officers, 2 crime center operators, 1 communications mgr, 1 payroll specialist, 1 deputy director, 1 accounting supervisor, 1 seasonal library worker, 1 receptionist, 1 part-time cashier, 1 electrician

Utility Fund 2027

Budget overview: FY 2027 recommendation (July 1, 2026–June 30, 2027); total sources: 708,309,292.

Five-year budget plan previously approved from 2026 through 2030, has rates increasing 3.0 percent annually . Average water and wastewater rates in 2027 will go up by approximately \$3.00 monthly.

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Including 2 new positions: administrative Service Mgr, Associate Engineer

Budget review FY 2027 by Governing Body May 1st 2026, Budget Hearing

Public comments FY 2027, May 14 and May 28, 2026

Vote to adopt, by governing body, May 28, 2026

Vote on final budget by governing body in July for FY 2027 and closeout for 2026 and any adjustments

FY 27 budget available to review online at rrnm.gov/fy27budget

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